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11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Your comments are also solicited relative to the missions cause and the Macedonian Call issue of the EVANGEL.

We appreciate the many fine letters received from the readers of the EVANGEL who have so highly complimented the EVANGEL and in so doing have given recognition to the Macedonian Call issue. Let us hear from you.

Question Box . . .

ANSWERS TO PERTINENT QUESTIONS

QUESTION: If I send a personal offering to a missionary through the Missions Department, is this offering deducted from the regular missionary salary or allotment? or does the missionary receive my donation over and above his salary or allotment?

ANSWER: The missionary receives your donation, every penny of it, over and above his regular allotment or salary.

QUESTION: Is it advisable to send special donations through the Missions Department, 1030 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee?

ANSWER: Yes, it is always advisable to send your special contribution or donation through the Missions Office here in Cleveland, and we will acknowledge it immediately and send it to the place designated. Those receiving it will also acknowledge.

QUESTION: Now that you have a Missions Policy of recent date, does the Board reserve the right to make any changes in this policy?

ANSWER: The Missions Policy is a booklet that has been in the making for some time. The Missions Board former Executive Secretary and James M. Beaty, missionary, worked quite tirelessly at the compilation of this pamphlet. Now that the policy is effected and can be purchased through the Missions Department for 50c a copy, it is a document that will stand unaltered except by special action of the Missions Board; this right they reserve.

QUESTION: If we should decide to send clothing to various foreign countries, what would be the proper procedure?

ANSWER: The proper procedure would be to check with your postmaster, and he will tell you how many pounds per package you can ship to the country you have in mind. He will tell you the size of the package and also the cost of shipment. He probably will not tell you the duty, but the party to whom the package is shipped will have to pay at the customs office in order to get the package. This duty runs all the way from 20 to 50 per cent of the actual value stipulated on the package. Clothing shipped to foreign countries should be clean, neat, and useable. Special labels will be given by the postmaster for you to use in shipping your package. Packages may be valued at wholesale prices to save extra duty. It is best to address the packages to the churches, Sunday Schools, or schools of the country to which you wish it to go, and mark it "For Free Distribution." If it is used clothing, mark it, "Used Clothing for Free Distribution. Not for Sale."

QUESTION: May I, as an individual, or my church, assume the responsibility of any particular project ourselves, such as supporting a national worker, recommended by the Missions Department, or erect a church building or a school dormitory, or support a national student through a missions school?

ANSWER: Yes; it can be easily arranged for you, as an individual, or your church, to take care of any of the above named projects. This can be done without any interference with the general missions program. If you are interested, write the Missions Office for details, and we will gladly inform you of the proper procedure.

Shipping New and Used Clothing to Foreign Lands

QUESTION: In sending new or used clothing to foreign lands, is it necessary for us to ship these articles through the Missions Department by sending them to Cleveland, Tennessee, to be reshipped?

ANSWER: No; it would pay you to see your postmaster or your depot agent and ship directly from the point where the clothes are packed. That would save expense, handling, and time. Ship directly to the field to which you prefer your clothing to go. If you would like suggestions on this, the Missions Department will be glad to assist you.

EDITORIAL ...

The Philosophy of the True Missionary

By PAUL H. WALKER

THE BODY OF principles underlining the Biblical system of religious faith is brought into living reality by the statement of the sainted apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:25, "This cup is the new testament in my blood." Jesus said, in Mark 14:24, "This is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many." Paul, in Hebrews 7:22, stated, "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." In Hebrews 9:16, 17, Paul stated, "For where a testament is there must also of necessity be the death of the testator, for a testament is set forth after men are dead, otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

The missionary has found that the only plan of redemption for mankind is incorporated in the sacred truth of God which is sealed with the blood of His Son, and it offers the only true philosophy of life, that it is the only true source of light, that it is an eternal spring shedding forth eternal realities that emanate from the very heart of God. He has found that subscribing to its sacred contents brings one into a divine relationship with its Author that makes him a son of God, an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ.

The missionary's philosophy is, therefore, brought into reality at the price of the blood of the Testator, Jesus, who died to make the testament in force.

The true missionary has found that when the testament that has been made of force becomes alive to the heart which has applied the truth of God in compliance with His divine will, this act on the part of the believer is sealed with an unction from on high that witnesses to the recipient in such a way he is made to exclaim, as Paul, "His spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of God."

Then the true missionary sees in his vision the depth of such glorious realities that come from the heart of God and from the heavenlies. So magnificent are these realities that angels cannot find words to express their greatness, but fold their silvery wings and bow in silent reverence while the true saint pours out his heart in gratitude and praise to King Immanuel who has bought him at Calvary and washed him in His own blood.

No wonder the missionary cries out from the bosom of his soul in the light of such tragedy as Calvary, such blessedness as a resurrection, such hope as His blessed return, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or plain or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be."

In this philosophy of the true missionary is the embodiment of Him who set the example for us by leaving the best heaven could afford to condescend to a dirty, stinking barn, and men of low estate, for the redemption of the soul from the horrors of hell and the society of the damned. When once this is enlivened within the heart, you cannot withhold giving of your time and talent and temporal means for gospel propagation.

The philosophy of the true missionary is, therefore, portrayed in the greatest paradox of all time, which is a life of progress in reverse, for the way down is the way up, and because of being abased, we become exalted.

IN THE PARADOX of the missionary philosophy is found the three elements of Christian discipleship. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The first element is self-denial, which is a negative element. The second element is cross-bearing, which is a positive element, and the third is "follow me," which is the progressive element. THERE IS NO STAND-STILL GROUND IN CHRISTIAN PROFESSION. YOU ARE EITHER GIVING OUT OR YOU ARE TAKING FROM. YOU EITHER PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF REDEMPTION THROUGH THE EMISSARIES OF THE GOSPEL WHO ARE WILLING TO CARRY IT, BY SUPPORTING THEM WITH YOUR TEMPORAL MEANS, OR YOU ARE CLOSING UP LIKE THE BARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TREE, WHEN IT IS 90 DEGREES BELOW ZERO, AND REFUSING TO DO ANYTHING FOR GOD. YOU CANNOT STAY HITCHED; YOU CANNOT STAY TIED TO A POST OF STANDPATISM. YOU'RE EITHER GATHERING FOR HIM OR YOU ARE SCATTERING ABROAD.

The philosophy of the sainted missionary, St. Paul, said, "UNSEEN THINGS WE SEE." 2 Corinthians 4:18, "While we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." He knew and you know that the chair on which you sit, the house in which you live, the pulpit from which you preach, the piano on which you play, the car in which you ride, will rot, decay, smolder, and pass away, but the Word of God will live forever. The true philosophy of Christian endeavor looks beyond the great divide; it looks beyond this vale of tears; it looks beyond the sunset, and there we see in the eternal future the gleam of a blessed eternal city that is our goal. Therefore, the Christian missionary buckles his belt a little tighter, straps his luggage a little closer, and with a glint in his eye and his face lifted high, he marches with a triumphant tread toward his eternal home; yes, it may be in Africa, India, the islands of the Atlantic or the Pacific, or in some other far-flung field, where even our sons have fought for the preservation of democracy and whose bodies lie beneath the sands of the South Seas, as the zephyrs play over their graves, which bespeaks the story that they, too, join the Man on Calvary in giving their lives to carry out that for which He died. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? Your boy may have been one who gave his life. You could make a tremendous sacrifice for gospel propagation because he made such a one to keep your church door open and grant you the freedom of true religious assembly.

The philosophy of the true missionary is, WE CONQUER BY YIELDING. Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Romans 12:20, 21, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

The philosophy of the carnal mind is, "If he's hungry, let him starve to death; if he's thirsty, let his tongue swell until his lips parch: for in so doing you can get even with him and teach him a lesson he will never forget." But not so in the philosophy of the true life of the Son of God who died for His enemies as well as His friends. He yielded and became obedient, even unto death, the death of the cross. But, thank God, He was resurrected out of a dark domain and now sits on the right hand of the Majesty on high. This is the example; He is our Hope and our Hero.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF the true missionary says, I AM GOING TO REST BY CARRYING A YOKE. Matthew 11:28, 29, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls." This is certainly contrary to the carnal mind, to the spirit of the age, and the philosophy of Satan. But the Christian says, "No night is too dark; no cross too heavy; no path too narrow; no thorns too long and sharp; no day too hot or cold; no weather too blistery, but that I must arise and be going about my Father's business, for I am His ambassador; I am His messenger; I am here on business for my King, praying the world in Christ's stead to be-

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First Two Rotating Missionary Conferences a Great Success!

BY J. H. WALKER,
Overseer of Ohio

Over \$21,000 raised in pledges and cash offerings! This is our first, and only a beginning. Such conferences are destined to revolutionize "giving to missions" in the Church of God.

THE NORTHERN Ohio four-day missionary conference (November 20-23) climaxed Sunday afternoon with a big RALLY, with representatives from the four districts, at Akron, Ohio, where Reverend Wade H. Horton, Foreign Missions Field Representative, brought a soul-stirring message on "Missions." This certainly must have been the best sermon he ever preached. This was not just another convention or rally. It was different. From the very beginning and throughout the meeting God's presence was felt in a wonderful way, even beyond description. But why not? Our missionaries on furlough, guest speakers, and people were there, talking missions, singing missions, preaching missions, and praying for missions—that great cause for which our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave His lifeblood and commissioned us to carry on till He comes again.

THE MISSIONARY TEAM

The visiting missionary team, consisting of Reverend C. E. French, missionary to India, with five long years in India; Reverend J. Herbert Walker, Jr., missionary to Haiti, also with five years' experience in Haiti; Reverend V. D. Hargrave, superintendent of Mexico, Central and South America; Reverend and Mrs. L. W. Higgins, nationals of Jamaica; and Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative of Foreign Missions, were either preceding or succeeding each other in this great rotating missionary conference, which was conducted in our churches at Canton, Cleveland, Warren, Akron, Mansfield, and Shelby.

THREE SPECIAL NIGHTS

These three previous nights of burning missionary messages caused the people to hear and to feel the forceful impact of the Word of God concerning missions; to see more clearly the urgent need in the many foreign countries; and with this knowledge came also the conviction that they themselves rightfully have a part in this responsibility even beyond the call of duty.

This, of course, was our first attempt, and due to unfavorable weather conditions the attendance was quite small in several of the churches; however, in this northern territory the people gave, in pledges and cash, approximately \$12,000. Reverend J. H. Hughes, former member of the Foreign Missions Board and district overseer of the Canton District, did a splendid job as our chairman. On Sunday evening, the guest speakers blessed our near-by churches with rich messages from the Word.

On Monday (November 24), between the conferences, our guest speakers went to the Findlay and Columbus districts for services, where more than a thousand dollars

was given.

THE SOUTHERN OHIO CONFERENCE

On Tuesday evening (November 25) the missionary team began the rotating conference with Reverends French in Cincinnati, Hargrave in Hamilton, Higgins in Middletown, and Horton in West Dayton. The following night brought Reverends Horton into Cincinnati, French into Hamilton, Hargrave into Middletown, and Higgins into West Dayton. Thus, around and around they went, with the mission spirit going higher and higher, climaxing in the big Thanksgiving rally at Middletown, with Reverend D. A. Biggs, the host pastor. Brother Biggs championed the mission cause on the southern four districts, also doing a splendid job as chairman. Incidentally, his people so far are first place throughout the State in giving the most for missions.

THANKSGIVING RALLY

This Thanksgiving missionary rally was, indeed, outstanding. Representatives from the whole territory came, filling the spacious church to overflowing. The songs were inspiring; the testimonies and greetings from our visiting speakers most encouraging; and what a marvelous message Reverend C. E. French brought under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and so freighted with his rich experiences in India. The people were most attentive, and responded by giving in pledges and cash more than \$1,600 in the evening offering, which was properly credited to the respective churches. When the figures of the southern conference of four districts were added, the sum total was more than \$8,000, thus making the total of the two conferences above \$21,000. This amount represents \$6,000 more than the amount the whole State gave last year, and the end is not yet.

During these conferences, may I say, at no time was a budget mentioned. In fact, in the last ministers' meeting (September 3, 4), Ohio outlawed the word "budget," set a goal, with an appeal "beyond the call of duty." There was certainly no force used beyond that of love; yes, love. The love of Christ constraineth us to tell others in other lands, and our people gladly responded. Among the groups were heard such expressions as these: "This is great"; "I never knew before what our missions really meant"; "This whole idea of Mission Conferences is wonderful." Some of the ministers, who at the first were afraid to drop the budget, said to me recently, "Brother Walker, this is the thing! It works." Another said, "These missionary conferences will revolutionize 'our giving to missions' in the Church of God," when another joined in by saying, "It will do it!"



A witch doctor of Guatemala just before his conversion to Christ

And the Bread Returned

Ecclesiastes 11:1

BY THOMAS PULLIN,
Missionary Overseer

"THE BREAD RETURNED AFTER MANY DAYS"

It was in this conference that a man passed middle age came to me and said, "Do you remember the first time you visited Uspantan? You were young then, and so was I. Now we are in the work together." Then he told me that thirty years ago, as a young man, he was standing outside the door of the little mission room the night I had used my best Spanish to say: "Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo"—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He had not forgotten the speaker nor the text. The Scripture refused to leave him. The love of God reached out and claimed his soul, and today he, too, is preaching the same gospel of the love of God and is a worker in the Church of God.

OUT OF BLACKNESS INTO LIGHT

WHAT I WANT TO SAY to you is this: I am enclosing a picture of a witch doctor who, perhaps, is one of this man's many converts, one who likewise has been brought out of the blackest of night into the glorious light of our wonderful gospel. You will notice that he has not been much of a success in his profession, for his person confesses extreme poverty. Many other witch doctors are better clothed than he, merely because they are better swindlers and have received more bountiful fees for their practices. But this man came to the platform at the close of nearly every service, requesting the prayers of God's people for his healing and that he might be established in his new faith. He gave me the articles he used in bewitching the people. They are lying on a little dirty cloth at his feet in the picture. He is only one of the many the Lord has brought out of such a terrible plight. In practice they often work for the death of some neighbor or enemy of the person who employs them to use their witchcraft in agreement with the devil to destroy an undesirable individual. For him, however, all this has changed. Soon he will have better clothing, for he has found the secret of prosperity and blessing, yea, even life eternal in the same Christ that has redeemed you and me. That visit to Uspantan is still bearing fruit, and who can tell what the end will be?

Let us not hesitate to do what our hands find to do while it is yet day. Then surely we will have some sheaves to lay at the Master's feet. Remember: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

I know the missionaries join me in the above expression—"Thank you! Thank you so very very much" for the fine response you gave to the Christmas letters sent out from the Missions Office.

Some of you may not have, as yet, responded, being unable, due to financial conditions, but perhaps by now the conditions have changed. So, if your contribution comes just a little late, it will serve the same good purpose of carrying the gospel. Again we say, Thanks to those who responded freely. We felt that you would, because you have also been directly affected by the spirit of Christmas, because of the Christ Child born in Bethlehem, and because of this relationship to us, every day is Christmas, as far as spiritual realities are concerned.

We have asked the office force to give proper acknowledgment to each of you who have contributed at this Christmastide, in response to the mission letters, and I sincerely trust that no one has been overlooked.

ALMOST THIRTY YEARS AGO, accompanied by two other young men, I was traveling over the territory in the interior of the Quiche department of Guatemala for the first time. We had only one horse among us, and since I was the missionary and less accustomed to their country, its climate, and traveling on foot, they urged me to ride the horse as much as possible. As part of our equipment, we carried tracts, perhaps a few Testaments and Bibles for sale, and red and white paint. The latter we used to paint Scripture verses on the rocks that bordered the trail. Whenever the opportunity offered itself, we rented a building, a room, or shelter, in which to hold services. These were usually small and often with few or no seats, so that many had to sit on the floor.

I remember one morning when we gathered around the breakfast table to partake of the meager food supply. The day before we had had such a rugged climb up the extremely steep mountain, and our bodies had felt the effects. But as we sat down one of the young men said, "I had a precious dream last night. I dreamed I saw large fields of wheat just ready to harvest, and they looked so beautiful." He was deeply impressed by that dream; in fact, we all were, for we felt we really were making an endeavor to find those fields in which to reap for our Lord.

As we traveled on, in another place we found a little mission that had been opened years before by a courageous medical missionary. It had survived in spite of the persecutions it had suffered. I was given the privilege of speaking, although at that time I could not speak Spanish fluently. But I did quote one verse that evidently found its mark in the good ground of some hungry heart. The text was John 3:16.

All this happened so long ago that I do not recall the details of our visit, but the name of the village was Uspantan.

"THE WORD DID NOT RETURN VOID,"
ISAIAH 55:11

After all these years, we recently had a district convention in Uspantan. The presiding government official granted us the use of the town theatre. It was not an elaborate structure, as the word might imply to you; it was only a long adobe room with a rather high platform at one extreme. But it did serve the purpose and showed the kindness of the official who is also very much in sympathy with the gospel. Such gestures toward the gospel from a man in authority are exceptional. The services were very blessed; much good was done in this town, and some persecution also resulted. In this district we now have six to eight stations and some 200 saved people, many of whom have been filled with the blessed Holy Spirit of God.



Errors of Monks and Bones of the Blessed

BY PAUL H. WALKER

IT ISN'T OFTEN you see a picture of a room filled with the bones of the blessed.

The reason we consider these the bones of the blessed is because they were dug out of the catacombs in Rome by monks who were put in confinement because of errors they had committed. While in their confinement they were required to unearth the bones of the saints of God who had resided in the catacombs in order to keep from being murdered by the populace above ground. While they resided in the damp, dingy passageways of the catacombs, many of them died.

As I traveled through these underground passages (I presume there is approximately thirty miles of such underground network), I found that the passages were only two and three feet wide. Occasionally, entrances would be leading out to other parts of this underground network. No doubt, the other passages were provided as ways of escape and as hiding places from those that might try to harm the saints if they located them.

Going through this underground network, we saw little places that were hewn out to provide room for fifteen or twenty people to stand; in these small chapels special meetings were held. I called these places small chapels because at one end of these openings there was a little archway where, no doubt, the minister stood while in-

spiring the believers to keep their faith in God.

Along the sides of the passages were places hewn out in the wall about ten to twelve inches thick, probably twenty-four inches in depth, and about the length of a human body. These places were used for burying the blessed people of God who passed away in these dark, dreary dungeons. The bodies were placed in these openings, which were then sealed with clay and mud.

The above picture of the bones of the blessed only represents one room of the many that were literally filled with bones. These represent those people whose lives were dedicated to the cause of God. They would not surrender their faith; they would not surrender their convictions; they would not surrender the principle that gave them the courage for Christ—the Christ who would not yield, though He could have called twelve legions of angels to deliver Him, who would not yield to the archfiend of hell when he said, "If thou be the Son of God, command these stones to be made bread," or, "If thou wilt fall down and worship me, I will give you the kingdoms of the world." Christ was victorious, and when men and women are induced with power from on high (I'm not just talking about shouting religion or people who will backslide over a package of "Camels" or a movie), with a conviction and a faith that is anchored to the eternal Rock of Ages, it will cause them to go to the uttermost and utmost with

all the energies they have to be faithful to Him.

I remember the Scripture that says, "Seeing therefore we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses . . . how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation," and I figure that it will not only be those who are portrayed by the bones of the blessed who will rise up in testimony at the judgment and say, "Jesus, I gave my life for you and died in the catacombs of Rome," or those who will say, "Jesus, I gave my life for you when I was torn to bits by the lions in the Colosseum, and nothing was left to mark my existence but a spot of blood on a cursed earth," and the merits of others who were dragged to death, stoned to death, thrust through with a sword, torn to pieces on the rack, or put on the spiked wheel, hands and feet tied on the rim and the wheel revolved over spikes driven through wooden slabs that tore out their intestines and ripped up their backs," but also men who gave their lives on the fields of battle to preserve the truth of the gospel. There will be the witness who will say, "Jesus, I died for you when they took me by the stomach and pulled up the flesh, and stuck an iron hook through my flesh, with my hands tied behind me, and they pulled me up in the middle of the room, with my head hanging back and my feet hanging down, until my eyes popped out of their sockets, and I died in horrifying agony." My friend, these are the witnesses that have given their lives to establish the power of Calvary, the power of the atonement, the power of the blessed cross of Christ, the power of His resurrection, the blessed hope of His personal, visible, majestic, and immediate return to catch away His waiting people to meet Him in the air. When we are talking about the mission cause in the light of these who have given their lives for the gospel, I don't think we can afford to say, "I have done my best," until we have made every effort within our power to give of our temporal means, to give of our time, to give of our talents, to give of our money, to give of our prayers, to give of our heart's soul burden, and even to give our sons and daughters to the mission cause for the redemption of the lost.

PASTORS, give your people an opportunity to promote the cause of missions.

A wide-awake church is a mission church.

A church without a mission zeal is without a spiritual revelation.

I trust now that there is a fire kindled in the church such as never before for missions, that when special offerings are given during these great mission conventions and special mission rallies the pastor, members, and friends of the Church will continue their mission program until they are satisfied they have done their part.

I had rather be among the group who have given their lives exemplified by the bones of the blessed than to be confined to solitary confinement because of committing errors, as the monks were confined and forced to dig up the bones of the saints. The monks don't have to dig them up; the trumpet shall sound, and they will come up—they will come forth triumphantly, and this corruption shall put on incorruption, this mortal shall put on immortality. John said it "doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is, and every man that hath hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure." So, may the virtue of the ever-present Spirit of Christ so charge our lives that we can always say with the writer, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, o'er mountain, o'er plain or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be."

ALTONS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

DEAR BROTHER WALKER: With this note is our monthly report. We are happier over this one than all the others. Our youth program is climbing and we now have 4 instead of 1, with an average attendance of 121. I feel that that is good for a starter. Our Sunday School is climbing, also. Last Sunday our new church had more in attendance than in the previous month. The other pastor who was working here in the building has done the same thing. Our membership even increased a few. It isn't much, but better than it was. We are hoping to go upward from here. Everyone here is real enthusiastic and happy. Pray for us.—Yours in the Master's service, W. D. Alton.

PASTOR McCLENDON AND THE MONROE, LOUISIANA, CHURCH

THANKS for the keen interest you are taking in the department of the Church that means so much to my heart.

We have recently finished our missions drive for the Monroe Church, with very fine response on the part of our people. Our results were nearly \$11.00 per member for the fiscal year, as of this date.

Naturally, it became me, as the pastor, to take the lead in the giving. We have pledged ourselves (wife and I) to give \$100.00 to this cause. I deeply appreciate the spirit of missions manifested here in this church. We will not stop at the present figure, as there are several who have not as yet made up their minds as to what they will give.

We had a missions week recently, that was a real success. I invited a new speaker each evening, and the interest was very good.

Brother Walker, your proposed idea for the stimulation of missions giving is a very good one, yet it will be utterly impossible for you, or any representative of your staff, to visit and have personal contact with the smaller churches. The plan we carried out was well fitted for a small church.

Our prayers are for you brethren, that God will bless your efforts for Him. Don't think I am boasting, but the figure given above just about doubles the best this church has ever done for the missions cause in the past.

NOTE: This is another example of the many fine accomplishments if there is a soul burden and a plan.—Executive Missions Secretary.



THE HAND OF GOD AND THE GESTAPO

The Hand of God and the Gestapo is a booklet just off the press giving the true story in his own words of our missionary, Brother Herman Lauster, of his imprisonment at Weisheim, Germany.

This booklet contains three thrilling heart-gripping chapters, with pictures of the prison, stone quarry, lace of execution and Brother Lauster behind the iron bars under the grueling lash of the Nazis.

This booklet should be in every home for parent and child to read.

The price of the book per copy is 30c; \$6.25 for 25 copies; 12.00 for 50 copies; \$22.00 for 100 copies. All orders postpaid.

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Church of God Missions Caravan Moves into Other States

Arkansas, January 21, 22. Ministers' Prayer Conference—Paul H. Walker, Executive Secretary—Tuesday night promotes special missions service.

Pulaski, Virginia, January 31, February 1. Speaker: Wade H. Horton.

Pennsylvania, February 19, 20. All speakers present.

Illinois, February 23-27. Speakers: Paul H. Walker, C. E. French, and Wade H. Horton.

Norfolk, Virginia, March 7, 8. Speaker: Paul H. Walker.

Greenwood, S. C., March 14, 15. Speakers: C. E. French, Wade H. Horton, and others.

Ministers in Mississippi State Prayer Conference Promote Foreign Missions

THE MISSISSIPPI State Prayer Conference convened at Jackson, on November 21, 22. The opening service was on the 21st, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a song by the state overseer. The entire congregation joined in singing songs that seemingly lifted every heart. Ministers and church workers from over the State of Mississippi filled the church to capacity. On the opening night a number of special singers from over the state had gathered to bless our hearts with special singing. The real spirit of love and fellowship prevailed throughout the prayer conference.

The soul-stirring message on Thursday night, delivered by our Assistant General Overseer, Reverend Houston R. Morehead, was the greatest I believe I have ever heard. The power of the Holy Ghost prevailed throughout the message. Pastors renewed a real vision of the importance of their work. The evangelistic fire spread into the many evangelists, also, who were present to enjoy the great message on Friday morning.

Our Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, Reverend Paul H. Walker, brought a soul-stirring message concerning foreign missions and the need that prevails that every individual might have a part. He preached under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. Every soul present caught a vision of the great need facing us of sending the gospel into all the world. At the end of the message a mission pledge was taken, which was well over \$1,500. We were informed of many new fields that are open today, also of the great need that exists in the fields where the missionaries are laboring so faithfully with all their hearts.

The evening service began and our Assistant General Overseer brought another great message concerning the loyalty and faithful efforts of the pastor to the church and the need of a greater spiritual effort on the part of the pastors and the church in the fu-

ture. Every minister and Christian worker expressed that these were two of the greatest messages ever preached by a general official in the State of Mississippi.

THE CLOSING service was at 7:00 on Friday night, when the spiritual tides were at their peak. We enjoyed a number of special songs and musical numbers rendered. We were blessed with the playing and singing of our Brother Paul H. Walker, who also brought a wonderful message, telling of many experiences in his life that he had witnessed since entering the ministry. He reminded us that the early church was faced with many problems different from the ones with which we are faced today. His message was very timely and enjoyed by everyone.

At the closing of the service, one of our missionaries that was assigned to South America and was passing through to Texas for his final assignment was called to the rostrum for a word of testimony and of song. He gave his testimony, then sang a song in the language of the country which he is to represent. Brother Walker related that this missionary had given up many things to answer the call to the foreign field. The power of the Holy Ghost came down in a great way. Our state overseer was moved upon to give an opportunity for an offering for this brother. The spirit of giving rushed through the congregation. Before the plates could be passed people ran to the front with their offerings. God was certainly in the giving and His presence prevailed throughout the conference.

In my 12 years in the ministry, I have never witnessed such a great prayer conference where our general officials and overseer were filled with such power and a vision of a greater walk with God. I am sure that we shall see results all over Mississippi from the efforts of this prayer conference.—A. J. Phillips, Pastor, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

ILLINOIS IN A GREAT FORWARD

CARRIERS MILLS	February 23
CHAUNCEY	February 23
EAST ALTON	February 24
CLINTON	February 25
CHICAGO	February 26

NOTE: Due to circumstances, it was necessary for Missions' schedule as it is shown above.

The Church of God missions program sponsored in is actually the birthplace of the great and successful shows the personnel present for this successful mission. Johnnie Owens, Wade H. Horton, H. C. Stoppe, C. E. Mrs. O'Neil McCullough, O'Neil McCullough, Paul H. The picture below does not do justice, for the large was in a previous service, which packed out the house made of the pastor, Brother John Smith, who gave wonderful spirit, and this stands high in the book of



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C. E. French.
S. Alabama, March 18-20. Speaker:
Wade H. Horton.

Indiana State-wide Missionary Con-
vention, March 26, 27. Speakers: C. E.
French, Wade H. Horton, and others.
Columbia, S. C., April 4, 5. Saturday
night, Sunday morning and after-
noon.

Georgia, April 9-12. Speakers: C. E.
French, Henry C. Stoppe, and Wade
H. Horton.

North Carolina, April 20-30. Speak-
ers: Paul H. Walker, C. E. French, and
Wade H. Horton.

FORWARD MARCH FOR MISSIONS

February 23-27
February 23 C. E. French
February 24 Paul H. Walker
February 25 Wade H. Horton
February 26 C. E. French
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Anderson's Great Mission Convention

South Carolina Is Mission-Minded

GREETINGS in Jesus' name. It gives me great pleasure to report that the mission convention held in Anderson, South Carolina, Saturday night, November 29, through Sunday night, November 30, was such a great success. The presence of the Lord was surely in our midst from the beginning to the end. The first service began with singing by the choir. Following this Reverend Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, was introduced by the pastor, Rev. John D. Smith. Reverend Walker then introduced Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, head of the mission work in the West Indies and Bermuda; Reverend Zeno C. Tharp, General Overseer of the Church of God; Reverend Freeman, missionary to South Africa (Pentecostal Holiness); Reverend A. M. Phillips, pastor of Tremont Avenue Church of God, Greenville, South Carolina; Reverend Earl P. Paulk, Chairman of the Missions Board; Reverend Johnnie M. Owens, layman of Atlanta, Georgia, who is a great mission worker and has been one of the instruments God used to build 82 churches on the foreign fields; and Reverend and Mrs. O'Neil McCullough, who are called to the mission field and under appointment to El Salvador. Each of these gave an interesting testimony, after which the trio gave a special number. Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative of Foreign Missions, then introduced the speaker of the evening, Reverend C. E. French, missionary on furlough from India. His message was very inspiring and many hearts were made to rejoice as they listened to this man of God. After this soul-stirring message, an appeal was given for missions. Many came forward and gave or pledged \$100, \$50, \$25, etc., and the response was great. The presence of the Lord was felt greatly during the entire service. The service Sunday began with a radio broadcast over Station WANS, during which Reverend Walker, Reverend Horton, Reverend Stoppe, and Reverend French gave a round-table discussion on missions. In

the morning service, brief talks were made by Reverend and Mrs. O'Neil McCullough who are waiting anxiously for the time to go to El Salvador, where they will be engaged in the mission school. Brother Johnnie Owens gave a short talk, also, after which Reverend Stoppe was scheduled to preach, but the Lord took charge and a great mission offering was given. About 100 people pledged a week's work. Reverend Stoppe gave some wonderful remarks about the mission work in the West Indies.

Panel Discussion

The afternoon service began with a song. Brother Walker then called for a panel discussion between Brother and Sister McCullough, Brother Stoppe, Brother French, Brother Horton, Brother Phillips, Brother Tharp, Brother Johnnie Owens, and Brother Paulk. Brother Paulk rendered a wonderful sermon. Waves of glory swept the building and the Lord came down in a mighty way. The offering was again taken and the response was great. When it looked like everyone had given, Brother French brought his watch to the front and offered it to the next one who would give \$50.

\$6,256.24 Raised

The Sunday night service began with singing by the choir and special singers. Brother Horton, our former pastor, gave a brief testimony. Brother Walker introduced the speaker, our General Overseer, Reverend Zeno C. Tharp. His subject was "If We Fail, Then What?" After this great sermon the final offering was taken. Brother Walker and Brother Horton had set the goal for \$3,000, but, praise the Lord, we more than doubled it—the total amount was \$6,256.24. We truly thank the Lord for the great success, because we know without Him it would have been a failure. Remember our church and our good pastor in your prayers. The church is on the upward move for God. The total attendance in Sunday School for the month of November was 429.—Judy Childers, Reporter.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE TRUE MISSIONARY

(Continued from page 3)

come reconciled to God, while the burden becomes so heavy it nearly crushes us to earth. Many fall on the fields of battle as martyrs for the cause of Christ, yet today they live because the true philosophy of the true missionary is that "we live BY DYING." The apostle Paul lived, but he died; today he lives in glory. Stephen died, being stoned to death, but today he is with the Man who stood at the right hand of the Father, and this dying provides glorious life.

It was said of a missionary who was in the confines of a dark, damp, cold dungeon, with its rough rocks protruding from all sides of his moldy cell, that when the warden came to give him his bread and water and asked him, "How are you today?" the saint of God answered, "I am wonderful. Jesus Christ came into my room this morning and every one of these moss-covered stones shone like rubies. I had a talk with the Man of Galilee."

MY DEAR READER, have you **EMBRACED THIS PHILOSOPHY OF THE SAINTS, THE TRUE MISSIONARIES OF GOD?** They are not only those who comprise the groups that work on foreign shores, but comprise the groups, also, who stay at home and hold the ropes while they who cross the briny deep can chisel out the nuggets, the diamonds, the pearls, the jewels from the rough, polish them and present them to a loving Saviour who will greet us all when we come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. Can you afford not to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God?" This is the paradox of the gospel; this is the philosophy of every Christian. To obtain it is to but touch the hem of His garment, and His character, His nature, His divine Spirit will surge through your soul and will put you on the same path He plod, and take you to Gethsemane. It will take you to the mountain of prayer, it will take you to Calvary, and, thank God, take you to be with Him forever and ever.

The get-by Christian is a lifeless Christian. I don't care how much emotion he has, or how much energy he may put forth in the exterior, or what his glamor may be, or how spectacular he may appear, he is a circle with the rim rubbed out. He is a non-compassed menace because the tide of true Christian service surges each true believer into a life of dedication and activity of his time, talent, and temporal means, both night and day, for Him who loved them and gave His life for them.

The true philosophy of the blessed Saviour is set forth in the paradox **WE REIGN BY SUFFERING.** Mark 10:44, 45, "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister. **AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.**"

They called Him fool and traitor as through the land He went.

They called out, "Agitator," and, "Brand of discontent." From altar and from steeple upon this Man forlorn, The priest and goodly people hurled wrath and bitter scorn.

They called Him cheat and faker, and drove Him from the door,

They shouted, "Mischief-maker, be gone and come no more."

From border unto border they hounded Him, lest He Upset established order and bring on anarchy. At length they seized and tried Him that they might have their will,

And so they crucified Him upon a lonely hill. The outcast Agitator, driven by scourge and rod, They called fool and traitor, but now we call God.

This lowly Man is on your hands today, and He is on mine. We have the challenge given to us, and He said through Paul, His sainted apostle, "How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall he preach except he be sent?" Gospel propagation comes only through human instrumentality.

SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS BENEFIT SUPPER

The International Preparatory Institute proudly boasts twenty-four active seniors for the 1952-53 term. This Senior Class sponsored a benefit supper in the school cafeteria Saturday evening, December 6.

This was a real "Mexican" meal, which included Spanish rice, beef tamales, chili con carne, and, of course, tortillas. The food was made even more appetizing by the colorful place mats and napkins on the tables. Our appreciation goes to the Walker's Austex Chili Company of Austin, Texas, who so graciously donated the food and other items.

The supper was served between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Many friends from other churches and Bible schools gathered with our faculty and student body in enjoying this meal.

Approximately \$65 was raised and the proceeds are to be used by the school in a worthy project.—Opal Morgan, Reporter.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST AT I.P.I.

The International Preparatory Institute was honored to have Rev. Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, of Cleveland, Tennessee, as a visitor from Saturday, December 6, through Thursday, December 11.

He was the special guest Saturday evening at the benefit supper which was sponsored by the Senior Class of I.P.I.

After the supper, there was a fellowship meeting of the Spanish churches of San Antonio in our church auditorium. Brother Walker was the guest speaker and he preached an inspiring message. His subject was "The Philosophy of a Real Missionary." He made us realize more fully the great price of salvation which has been brought about through intense suffering. An offering of \$1,400 in cash and pledges was raised, which is to be presented at the Latin American Convention this spring.

During the week, Brother Walker spent much time in conferences with the faculty and students, who certainly appreciated those heart-to-heart talks.

He was our morning lecturer in chapel and at some special evening services. In these services, he answered Bible questions which were turned in to him by the student body. These discussions have given us more light and understanding on important scriptural passages.

The faculty met with Brother Walker several times. During these meetings the school policy and other items of importance pertaining to the school were discussed.—Opal Morgan, Reporter.

HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE FOR MISSIONS

If you are asking yourself this question, here are some thoughts we would like you to consider. First, if you refuse to give anything to Missions this year, you practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary in both the home and foreign fields.

Second, if you give less than heretofore, you favor a reduction in the ministry forces, proportionate to the reduced contribution.

Third, if you give the same as formerly, you favor holding the ground already won but do not favor any forward movement. Your song is, "Hold the Fort," forgetting the Lord never intended His army to take refuge in a fort, all His soldiers are under marching orders at all times. They are commanded to GO.

Four, if you advance your offering beyond former years, then you favor an advanced movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall you not, join this class.

RESOLVED: I DO BELIEVE GREATLY IN INCREASING THE PRESENT NUMBER OF OUR MISSIONARIES, THEREFORE, I WILL INCREASE MY FORMER OFFERINGS TO MISSIONARY WORK.

Introducing New Boys' Dormitory — India



THE CHURCH OF GOD in India, Mount Zion, Mulakazha, Chennannur, Travancore, is very happy to feature in this issue of the **MACEDONIAN CALL** one of its dormitories. The dormitory featured above is the boys' dormitory. This building was built at a cost of \$1,075. It has seven rooms, six rooms for the boys and an office which is used for office and reception room. The building is constructed of Lathrite stone, a stone that is cut out of about a second or third strata. It is a hard pan. The Indian takes his crude tools and squares the stone off, shaving and making it very smooth, cutting and shaping it into various spahes for the corners and various other styles and lines of the building. All the floor space in the building is of concrete. The rros is made of clay tile, manufactured in India. Brother T. M. Varughese, the

Indian missionary who recently visited the United States, is standing in front of the building. There is another dormitory built on the Church of God premises of the same style as this building, which is for the girls. These dormitories will house twenty students. We take this opportunity to inform any of you who will be interested in supporting the Mount Zion Training School in India, that you can support a student for \$6.00 a month for nine months, which is \$54.00 for the term. Anyone desiring to help these worthy students can send their contributions to the Church of God Foreign Missions Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee. Your funds will reach that student and help him to obtain a religious education that will enable him to go out and preach and teach Jesus Christ to his brethren.—Reverend C. E. French, Missionary to India.

RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD, PORTSMOUTH, DOMINICA, IS BLESSED

Greetings to all the Church of God family! We are glad to report the glorious time we are having here. We have just had a wonderful revival meeting, with soul-stirring messages by our pastor and other brethren of the Church of God. We also had our bishop, who came along our way, and we had a good time in the Lord. His visit to us was not in vain, for which we thank God, although his stay was short—only ten days. His messages

brought many to seek the Lord. We thank God for our faithful overseer, Bishop Winter. Many souls came forward to the altar—24. Three were baptized in water and seven were added to the Church of God. Many visits were made to different parts at Roseau and Wesley where we have work. We are still going on with the Lord. Praise the Lord! We are still working on our new building. Please continue to pray for us and the work here.—Louisa Banfield, Church Clerk.

P. S. We closed with a wonderful Thanksgiving meeting. Many gathered and hearts were truly blessed.

OFF FOR GUAM



THERE it is! "All aboard." Time to say "Good-bye"; yes, "Good-bye to all the wonderful friends who have been so dear to us"; "Good-bye, fair land of the U.S.A."

Thank you so much for your part in making it possible for me to "sail off" to tropical GUAM and offer myself in His service to answer His divine call.

By the time this letter reaches you, I will have boarded the "Marine Arrow," scheduled to sail out of San Francisco on December 1. It will take me approximately sixteen days, with no other scheduled "stops," to reach my destination.

Although my heart is flooded with joy and happiness, my knees tremble a bit as I realize the tremendous responsibility which rests upon my shoulders as His ambassador.

The beautiful solo on the Sunday morning telecast keeps ringing in my ears—"God Will Take Care of You." Then the passage that I've read so many times suddenly illuminates my heart—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," Psalm 46:1.

As I go forth in His name, I earnestly covet your prayers. How can I fall with so many wonderful friends standing by and praying for me?

Good bye,—Humbly, Idamae Erickson.

Note: A brave young woman has gone to Guam to answer the call of God—no salary, no promise of financial help; gone by faith. Will the Mission Board accept her for appointment? That is to be determined later. This is one example of sheer courage. God calls each of us to "stand up for Jesus" in this last-day crusade for Christ.—Executive Secretary.

Sunday School Program in Haiti

Dear Friends,

The past month has been a busy one, not only for the missionaries, but for the pastor and members of the Rue du Centre church here in the capital. We entered the Sunday School of this church in the International Sunday School Contest sponsored by the *Christian Life* magazine. As in many mission fields, the great importance of the Sunday School has not been realized here in Haiti. Although we have over a thousand members in this church, the average Sunday School attendance last year was only 308. The missionaries have often wished for some means to awaken the Sunday School to its possibilities. Odine read about this contest in *Christian Life*, and there we were, with a perfect opportunity! We began to make our plans.

Haitian Sunday School Leaps to Unprecedented Height

For a theme we chose "Fishers of Men." Everyone who came the first Sunday would become a fisherman with a small fishing net to pin on his lapel or dress. A small metal fish would be pinned to this net for each new one brought to Sunday School. The names of the new members would be written on cardboard fish which were tied to a large net hung across the front of the church. A small sailboat would be constructed of cardboard on the rostrum. Each Sunday the person who caught the most "fish" would don a braid-trimmed coat and cape and become "captain" of the boat. At our meeting to present the plan to the teachers we served cookies, cut in the shape of a fish, with fruit punch. Enthusiasm was high, and the committees appointed went

to work with a will. Posters were made, handbills distributed, and an intense visitation campaign started. Our goal was to triple the attendance. The first Sunday we had 1,105, and the attendance hasn't gone below 1,000 since. We are keeping the children in the Bible School building for children's church, since there isn't room in the church to bring the two groups together. At a teachers' meeting last night everyone enthusiastically agreed that the Sunday School had profited immensely, and they hope to keep the attendance up. The Sunday night attendance has increased, also. We have great hopes of winning a prize; but if we don't, we feel that it has been worth while.

The Catastrophe of an Earthquake

THERE is also a bit of bad news to tell you. A catastrophe has struck the small town of Anse-a-Veau for the third time in three years. Last year, fire destroyed a large part of the town. The year before, it was hit by a terrible storm and tidal waves. One night last week, an earthquake shook the town near midnight. It is an old Colonial town, and most of the buildings were two-story, wooden structures. The inhabitants were awakened by the rumble and crash as houses and walls fell to the ground. Some found themselves marooned on the second floor with no stairs to descend. The town has no electricity, and panic reigned as people tried frantically in the dark to leave the falling buildings. Many houses were demolished, others damaged beyond repair, and nearly all damaged to some extent. Only five people were killed, but many were injured.

One side and the back of our church were badly damaged, but we think it

can be repaired. Just the week before, we had completed negotiations to buy the house where the pastor was living. One side of it fell completely down. The whole building will have to be torn down, but much of the material can be reused. The pastor was alone in the house at the time. An impression to get up and pray a short time before the quake probably saved his life. His bed was on the second floor, setting against the wall which fell, leaving the floor tilted at an angle. His empty bed slid into the debris, while he, in another room praying, escaped uninjured. He has moved into the church, and a brush arbor will be built for the services. They need our prayers.—Sincerely yours, Missionaries to Haiti, Rev. and Mrs. James M. Beaty and Odine Morse.

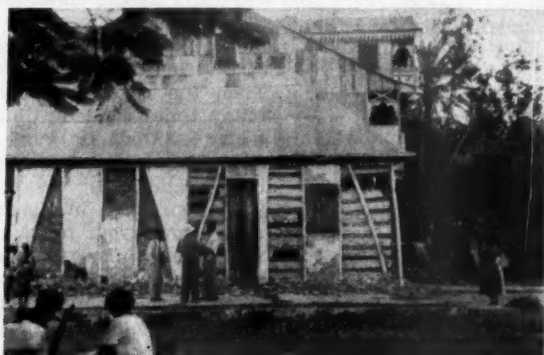
FROM ALASKA, THE FRIGID ZONE

OUR missionary Brother J. H. Davis, of Palmer, Alaska, writes: In Alaska we have to build a church house before we can preach. This means one must find the will of God as to where to locate and then get a lot, build a building, and stick with it for three or four years before results will appear. We have one little work in a place called Chickaloon, the entire population of which is perhaps thirty people. Brother and Sister Hubbard have been going there for about five years now, calling at the individual homes, and having Sunday School with the children. We have gone to help them at times when the father and mother would be so drunk it was almost impossible to have Sunday School because of their interference. These families are half white and half Indian. Brother and Sister Hubbard have stuck to their job faithfully, and last summer Brother Hubbard managed to get a small log building up. We supplied part of the material, and Sister Hubbard worked here in Palmer, scrubbing offices to earn money for them to live and help pay for material. Today they are having services each Sunday afternoon, and five days each week a public school is in session for the children who before this building was erected had no school privileges. Brother Hubbard lives in one end of the building, and school is kept in the other end. Sister Hubbard drives sixty miles each Sunday to minister to her little Sunday School class. She has to live here in Palmer in order to live. This will give you a small idea some of the effort involved in a very small work here.

We have a program in motion which will supply much of our building material for the future. At present it is coming along fine. We hope you can come in the spring and we can show you our work in detail.

Our church here at Palmer is to be our Alaska Headquarters Building and will be worth nearly one hundred thousand dollars when completed. At present we are in need of a heating plant, which will cost \$1,500. Do you suppose we could get some help? Please pray for us.

EARTHQUAKE SERIOUSLY DAMAGES CHURCH IN HAITI



The above picture shows the concrete that was shaken from the walls of the church in Haiti, located in the city of Anse-a-Veau, Haiti. You can see through the wall in some places, also the top of the church toward the front shows that it has been badly damaged. The debris on the sidewalk shows that the building must have been badly shaken and it will take at least \$150.00 to put this back in repair. If God lays it on your heart to send this to this church through the mission department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee I know that you will be rewarded of Him for your help to these needy people who are much more less fortunate than we.

A Little Late for Christmas But Not for Christ

DO you feel that Christmas no longer carries the spirit and beauty of former times? that people no longer show the good cheer and warmth of feeling that they used to? that like an old Latin quotation, "A good thing when corrupted is most corrupt of all"? It is true that merchandising and greed have taken a lot from the meaning of Christmas, but we hope that when you have finished reading this letter you will remember that precious message of "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

In this letter we want to introduce you to Alfred. He is one of our dearest, most devoted followers. He made his first escape through the iron curtain only to be returned and imprisoned. Later, upon release, he and a friend escaped again, and this time made it good. They traveled to Stuttgart, and there Alfred's friend vanished. There he stood, a not too bright boy without a friend, not a penny, and no place to go. The Red Cross helped him for a time, and then he worked at odd jobs. One day he heard Brother Lauster preaching on the street, and through this message he made his real escape into God's country. Since then he has made his living by selling our little German "Evangel." He walks or rides his bike many hundred of miles a month. He is happiest when allowed to sleep on a cot in the back of our gospel tent to look after it. Simple, though he is, his mind is very keen about the things of God, and many times he has waded into the middle of an angry mob and defended this gospel.

Next, we want you to meet Christian. He and his family were able to escape through the iron curtain together. Christian tells of his childhood, which is a nightmare of memories of the beastial orgies of the Russian soldiers. He tells how they herded

refugee families like cattle and picked out the loveliest women and took them away. He tells how young mothers were snatched away from their little ones before his eyes, and how, later, he was terrified as he heard their screams rending the air. He remembers the hunger and the bitter cold. Today he is at peace, for he accepted the gospel and has found refuge in the Church of God.

Then there is Willie. His speech was permanently affected from a childhood disease, and today no one will give him work. On the street he is laughed at and made fun of. But one day Willie came to our services, and no one laughed. The Lord saved him, and, though he must come to church ragged and poorly dressed, he is there whenever the doors open. His combed hair and old necktie is a brave effort to look nice. When he begins to pray in his stammering, stuttering tongue, no one feels ashamed, for heaven seems to fill the room. He, too, has found a refuge.

Last is little Wolfgang who is so hard to manage. His old grandmother does her best, but what can you expect from a child whose mother died of starvation and left him alone? We hope to help him through Sunday School.

As sweet Christmas scents fill your home, and there are secrets everywhere, don't forget that Alfred will have no home and no family to share Christmas with. Don't forget that in other lands starvation will sit at the Christmas dinner table, and many will shiver and shake from the cold. There will be no laughter or gladness to bring on Yuletide cheer. Oh, let us count our blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise us what the Lord has done.

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Yours for Germany, "The Lausters."

4,000 Members in East Africa

My dear Brother Walker:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

We returned last night from Portuguese, East Africa, where we have approximately 4,000 members, yet the Portuguese people will not allow us to conduct any services among the natives. We have made fresh arrangements, which we only hope will work out better. We trust to be able to give a very good report of progress at the end of this year; our year closes on the 31st of December. We must have an increase of 25,000 new members for 1952. Yet the increase makes our responsibilities greater, for we have to take care of the poor native people,

even give them food in some areas where they have a death.

Thank you so much for sending Brother duPlooy some clothing. God bless you for this token of love. You may send some to my address for the Union. We have the largest native work in the Union of the Transvaal alone. Brother Schutte is in charge of 20,000 natives; some are really poverty-stricken. We shall surely appreciate anything you can do to help them. Yes, our people are really willing to help, but you must remember that we do not have so many white people, and they do not earn as much as you good Americans do; even Brother Slay says that the cost of living is almost

as high as in the States. We have 20 missionaries in the field and the Church of God fully supports five and partially another four. The church here has to support the others, and we do not even have as many white people belonging to the Church here as you do in one state.

Our European convention commences on the 27th of March and convenes through the 8th of April. The native convention is from the 24th to 28th of March. We want you to attend our convention. Advise us so we can draw up your itinerary visit. We shall be very happy to have you stay a little while here—at least two months.

May the dear Lord graciously bless you.—Yours in His bonds, J. H. Saayman, Moderator.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, HAS GREAT MISSION MEETING

Sunday, December 28, the Executive Secretary visited the church at Orlando, Florida, of which Reverend A. V. Howell is pastor, and during the course of the morning meeting the Spirit of God flooded the church in a mighty way and the burden for missions seemed to fall upon every heart, resulting in a fine offering of cash and pledges amounting to \$1,552.09; no doubt, the greatest mission offering ever to be given by the Orlando, Florida, Church.

The fine pastor, Brother Howell, joined with his people in giving, and came forth with \$100; following him came a number of others who gave \$100, some \$50 and \$25. Others who could not give that much gave their part in accordance with their ability to do. The expressed opinion of all is that all the pledges will be paid in full and that their state convention offering, to be taken to the Wimauma campground convention, will be the greatest in the history of the Orlando Church. Congratulations to the church at Orlando and the fine pastor, Reverend Howell, for the work they are doing and what they propose to do for foreign missions in time to come.

SOUTH OF THE RIO BRAVO

This is the true history written to enlighten the readers of our land of the work in the Latin American countries; therefore this book, "South of the Rio Bravo," 54 pages of interesting facts and pictures, should be in every home.

In the introduction of the field you have the story and photographs of the various places, with an introduction by the Superintendent, Reverend V. D. Hargrave. The books shows the district supervisors of Mexico with their congregations pictures of baptismal services; the International Preparatory Institute in San Antonio, Texas; pictures and history of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama, British Honduras, Guatemala and the unoccupied Latin American areas.

This book sells for only 25c and is well worth the money. You may obtain 50 copies for 11.50, prepaid.

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REVIVAL IN CYPRUS

WE ARE now in a big revival in the very heart of Nicosia, Cyprus. We have rented a large cinema building in the center of this strict orthodox city for an eleven-night revival campaign, and God is working in an almost unexpected way in our midst. Many are hearing the true gospel for the first time and turning from their formal churchianity to genuine conversion and Bible Christianity.

We have two young men, student evangelists from Bob Jones University, who are touring the Bible Land this summer, and we have engaged their services for this revival. Dick Knox, an accomplished trombonist and soloist, is directing the music and singing, and Allen Finley, with his straightforward and "punchy" salvation message, is speaking in the services. God is using these consecrated young men in an effective way in this place.

Many are coming to the services. Some have walked several miles from outside Nicosia to attend these meetings. People from another town across the island, 25 miles away, chartered a bus and came, and others have ridden bicycles, 50-mile round trip, to get to the revival. We feel God is answering prayers that have been prayed during the past two years for the people here. The Holy Spirit is pouring out conviction and orthodox Christians, Communists, and Moham-

medans alike are accepting the Lord Jesus and testifying that they never felt like this before. I am told this is the first time that such a public soul-winning campaign has ever been launched in this city. Some said they were glad to see God saving souls in our meeting, for months and years have passed since such a revival has been seen in other churches on this island.

Large crowds are attending nightly and the interest is increasing. Listeners are being helped. Many honest hearts come forward at the end of each service to talk with us about salvation. After service several go with us to our chapel near by for prayer. Last week, on Thursday following the service, eight souls prayed through to salvation. Many have prayed through since. At the end of the revival in the cinema building we shall continue the meeting at our chapel. We are encouraged by this visitation of the Spirit in our midst.

We are greatly in need of a larger building to accommodate our services here, but it seems unavailable. Please join us in prayer that God will continue this revival spirit among us, and that we may be able to find a larger building for our services. We hope to be able to build a mission headquarters for the Bible Lands in Nicosia, Cyprus, in the near future; at least we are praying to this end.—D. B. Hatfield.

A New Year

By Lorenzo Sottosanti,
Missionary Sicily

THE FOGHORNS of the ships and the whistles of the locomotives announce the arrival of the new year. Shouts and cries were heard . . . and in the midst of this worldly noise we rejoice in a moment of prayer to the Lord, thanking Him for His goodness to us, for His mercy endureth forever. From the very deep of the soul surges the old song, "Let us praise the Lord for we owe so much to Him . . ." The old things have passed away, and we are in the new (2 Corinthians 5:17). " . . . forgetting those things which are behind . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," Phil. 3:13, 14.

Another year has passed, and we find ourselves in a new one. This only reminds us that all that is human and earthly grows old and passes away. Everything perishes. Of the years we have already lived, only remembrance remains, but the inexorable steps of Time with each year draw them farther and farther away; therefore, brethren, let us live in the present as the Lord tells us, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow . . . sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Today we have opportunities for ample service, and the least we can do is take advantage of them as if they were the last to come our way. Will we have others tomorrow? Then we would do well to expect them and be prepared to make the most of them as God grants them to us. But we should not waste those of today, waiting for better ones tomorrow! "Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Today is a time for thinking and above all of acting. We have an example in the children of Israel in the time of Nehemiah. They were surrounded by dangers and were wanting to rebuild the wall of their beloved Jerusalem. The need was urgent, and they could not delay until the danger passed. No! In one hand they take the tools for the work and in the other weapons for defense, and put their hands to the work day and night! New Year! Dear brethren, this is what we ought to do right now. "Today," the Scripture says; while it is yet day, "for the night cometh." For us, brethren in Christ Jesus, the prolongation of the time of opportunities of service to the world is a little more of the divine grace for salvation. There are those who have been idlers up until now, who believe that on December 31 they turn over a new leaf in their lives and on January 1 they open a new chapter and all is different. What a mistake! Christian character and a will to serve are not the fruit of the change of the year, but of time spent in communion with the Lord and His Word.

The heart should be surrendered to the Lord in repentance; the will should be consecrated to Him in love, and the entire being made an offering—
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New
Converts



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Sunday
School
in
Cyprus

The Home on 1370 Church Street



THERE IS a lot of significance attached to this fine home that was recently purchased by the Church of God Missions Office for the Foreign Missions Field Representative and his family. Incidentally, the representative will not be occupying this home as much as the ordinary head of the house, because he will be gone the biggest share of the time. Days and weeks on end our Brother Wade H. Horton will be out promoting the mission cause in the United States and foreign lands. I know our prayers will go with him and I further believe that we shall not forget Sister Horton and the children who will be left behind. Surely, this is not too nice a place for these good people to live in the absence of the husband and father.

This is a nine-room house, with a full basement and a shower and part bath in the basement, with all modern conveniences, electric heat, etc., upstairs. The floors throughout the main building are of oak and the building is of brick-veneer structure.

This home is located right beside the Lee College chapel. The parcel of ground on the right of the house, which is about 70 feet across, and a narrow street are all that separate the home from the chapel. It is situated in a very strategic location, right in the heart of Lee College, within 4 or 5 blocks of Bradley High School, and within 3 or 4 blocks of one of the elementary schools in Cleveland.

The purchase of this house cost \$14,000. Someone said the Church had had it offered to it for \$11,000, which was true, but since that proposition there was over \$3,000 worth of improvement put on the property before we purchased it. For instance, there was the installation of the electric heat, the installation of partitioning in the basement, and, of course, with

the above price, we were able to retain all the venetian blinds and other equipment.

As you look through the driveway to the back, you will see a little duplex which is occupied by two small families. Directly behind the home is another house occupied by another family. These three apartments provide an income of \$60 per month and at the price of ground and the income from the properties mentioned, plus the location and all, it appears to me that the Missions Department got a good bargain. OH YES, we could have built a home, but to build a home of this size under \$30,000 would have been utterly impossible, but we have this home, the three income properties, the fine location with all that is necessary to make it a comfortable place to live for \$14,000. Of course, this does not include the furniture, but the furniture has been purchased at a reasonable price. I felt the readers of the *Evangel* would appreciate seeing this home and to know it was purchased at such a reasonable figure. —Paul H. Walker.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD MISSIONS

This book of 174 pages originally sold for 1.25. It is a down-to-earth history of the Church of God missions in its infancy. It gives general information about the Church of God in many lands.

This book should be in every library, and is sold at the low price of 50c per copy and can be purchased in lots of 50 for \$15.00, prepaid.

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THE MACEDONIAN CALL

If you can just read the MACEDONIAN CALL

And do nothing about it, my brother, at all,
Then something is wrong, if your heart is not stirred,

When you hear of the millions who have not heard the Word.

If you can just read of the school by McLeans,

How the students are in need of so many things;

How they come to school in tattered clothes, Without even notebooks, so the story goes,

While you sit at home so cozy and warm, With your closet full and say it's no harm;

Then I wonder what Jesus, our Saviour, will say

When we stand before Him on that judgment day.

My brother, it's time to be looking around, Praying and seeking until something is found,

Send it in for missions. Brother Walker will see

That it is delivered to our friends o'er the sea.

Then there's Germany, India, Haiti, Guatemala, too;

Take your choice, Brother, there is plenty to do.

There are schools so in need of some teachers,

Only forty-eight dollars will pay one through,

Let's each take one and send it each month, You can, if you will, and be happy at once.

Read again of those children who came marching in,

Fifty of them beginning to sing.

They have no teachers to bring them in; To fail them now would be such a sin.

Read Sister Morse's story on page fifteen, And see if you can't find a place to begin.

There are many, many others, each one a great need,

Read the MACEDONIAN CALL again and give heed.

I know God will bless you, if you'll now make a start,

For He loves a cheerful giver—let's all do our part.

Mrs. Jane (Rogers) Tilson
Cleveland, Tennessee

A NEW YEAR

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ing to Him—an offering of gratitude, with a request that God mold it to His will and help us to serve Him much, much better in 1953!

Let us do it now, for the Lord is coming soon and "blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

So then, really forgetting what is behind with all the errors, sins, and sorrows, let us remember only that we are new creatures in Christ, and press forward to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

To all our readers, agents, representatives, and co-workers, we wish sincerely that the new year will bring abundant blessings and that each day may bring a glorious dawn of divine protection. We send a cordial and brotherly greeting with what we say with all our hearts: A very happy New Year!

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